



GRANT RECIPIENT
TOWN OF PORTER

YEAR
2006

COUNTY
PORTER

CATEGORY
LOW COST CONSTRUCTION

GRANT AWARD
\$100,000

LOCAL SHARE
\$100,000



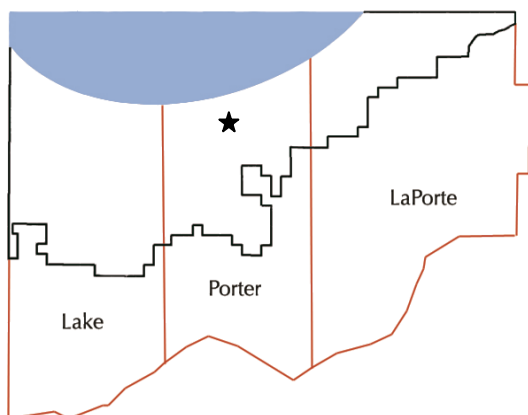
Orchard Pedestrian Bridge

The Orchard Pedestrian Bridge and elevated pathway is the result of several years of planning the Orchard Pedestrian Way, a project funded by a federal Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Grant. The Orchard Bridge is one project within the Orchard Pedestrian Way Project, and included the construction of a bridge over the Little Calumet River so as to provide a connector to the trail located north and south of the river.

While the Town of Porter owns the parcel south of the Little Calumet River, the Indiana Department of Transportation owns the parcel north of the Little Calumet River. Therefore, the collaborative effort between the state and local entities resulted in a positive step for Porter's trail system. The project had the following objectives: 1) creating a bicycle/pedestrian path 2) creating opportunities for bird watching and nature walking, 3) improving access to the Lake Michigan tributary – Little Calumet River, 4) enhancing access to existing Hawthorn Park, and 5) reducing air emissions in Porter.



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RESULT: Constructed a bridge over the Little Calumet River to connect trails north and south of the river.